



# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

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April 19, 2005

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO COMPLETE AND EXECUTE ALL  
NECESSARY DOCUMENTS RELATIVE TO ACQUISITION OF A 500-HOUR  
INSPECTION AND SERVICE FOR THE SIKORSKY S-70 FIREHAWK HELICOPTER  
(ALL DISTRICTS) (3-VOTES)**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF  
THE CONSOLIDATED FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT:**

Authorize the County Purchasing Agent to complete and execute all necessary purchasing documents relative to the acquisition of 500-hour inspection and service for the Sikorsky S-70 Firehawk Helicopter, not to exceed \$179,141.00.

**PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF THE RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The purpose of this recommended action is to authorize issuance of a purchase order to provide 500-hour inspection and service of the Sikorsky S-70 Firehawk Helicopter, Serial Number 702479, as required by our "Total Assurance Program" maintenance agreement with Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation. Labor, expenses, and service for the 500-hour inspection to be performed at Barton Heliport and shall include six helicopter mechanics and one Quality Assurance Representative.

Due to extensive utilization of the Firehawk helicopter for EMS transports, swiftwater/flood rescues, and fire activities, the 500-hour maintenance inspection and service will be required sooner than expected. This increased use created an unusually large backlog for our

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BELLFLOWER

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COMMERCE  
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ROLLING HILLS  
ROLLING HILLS ESTATES  
ROSEMead  
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helicopter maintenance staff and consequently they will be unable to perform this scheduled inspection and service.

In order to have the helicopter available at the earliest possible time for the upcoming fire season, we are requesting Sikorsky to provide the necessary personnel to perform the inspection and service at our Barton Heliport facility.

Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation is the original equipment manufacturer. The 500-hour inspection and service is a mandated component of the helicopter maintenance regime as established by the manufacturer.

#### Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

Approval of the recommended action is consistent with the County's Strategic Plan Goal #1, Service Excellence.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

The estimated cost of the 500-hour inspection and service will not exceed \$179,141.00. Funding for this purchase order is available in the 2004-05 Services and Supplies Budget for the North Regional Operations Bureau, Air and Wildland Division, Air Operations Section. There is no impact on net County cost.

#### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

The County Purchasing Agent has a statutory limitation of \$100,000.00 for Sundry Service; therefore, your Board's approval is necessary to accomplish this critical maintenance requirement.

#### **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

The Department is in the process of developing a formal contract proposal with Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation for future 500-hour maintenance inspections and services. This contract should be finalized by August 2005.

#### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICE (OR PROJECTS)**

Approval of the recommended action will enable the Department to continue our provision of emergency services to the residents of Los Angeles County.

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**CONCLUSION:**

Upon approval by the Board of Supervisors, please return adopted copies of this letter to:

1. Los Angeles County Consolidated Fire Protection District  
Materials Management Division  
5801 South Eastern Avenue; Suite 100  
Commerce, California 90040  
Attention: James Ealey, Chief, Materials Management Division
2. Internal Services Department  
Purchasing Division  
1100 North Eastern Avenue, Room 102  
Los Angeles, California 90063  
Attention: Joe Sandoval, Division Manager

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P. Michael Freeman", with a stylized flourish at the end.

P. MICHAEL FREEMAN

PMF:mr

- c: Chief Administrative Officer  
County Counsel  
Auditor-Controller  
Internal Services Department  
Executive Office, Board of Supervisors